



REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, for the Year ended 31st December, 1923.

March 4th, 1924.

To the FILEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS,

In presenting my Report for the past year, 1923, I beg to inform you that forty-two births were registered in Filey during the year 1923. Twenty-two boys and twenty girls. This gives a birth-rate of eleven per thousand for the year.

Birth-rate, 11·0
per thousand
for the year:

Thirty-one deaths were registered in the district during the year. Seventeen males and fourteen females. This gives a death-rate for the year of eight decimal one per thousand.

Death-rate, 8·1
per thousand
for the year:

The deaths occurred at the following ages:—

Under 1 year,	1 to 2 years,	2 to 3 years,	3 to 4 years,	4 to 5 years,	5 to 10 years,
3.	none.	none.	none.	none.	1.
10 to 15 years,	15 to 20 years,	20 to 35 years,	35 to 45 years,	45 to 65 years,	65 and over,
none.	none.	2.	1.	8.	16.

Eleven deaths occurred in persons over 70 years of age, six persons attaining more than 80 years.

The chief causes of deaths during the year, were as follow:—

Cancer,	Bronchitis,	Influenza and Pneumonia,	Heart Disease,
5.	5.	1.	5.
Accidental Deaths,	Whooping Cough,	Consumption,	Brain Disease,
4.	1.	2.	3.

During April and May we had a mild epidemic of whooping cough, with one death.

The rest of the year was remarkably free from infectious disease.

There is no venereal disease in the town, and very little tuberculosis.

The rainfall during the year amounted to 29·42 inches against 27·66 inches last year. Rain falling on 216 days.

The wettest month was July, 3·17 inches.

The driest month was June, 1·07 inches.

The drainage and sewerage of the town has been carried out quite satisfactorily during the year.

There are no cesspools in the district and all the houses have a direct connection with the town sewers.

The Council's staff under the direction of their Sanitary Inspector, do the scavenging in the district, which is well done: every house is obliged to have a galvanized iron movable ash bin with proper fitting lid.

The dairies, cowsheds and milkshops were regularly inspected during the year, and no faults of importance were found. Most of our milk comes from districts outside our urban district. The milk supply is very good in quantity and quality. The County Council inspector frequently takes samples, and no prosecution for defective milk was necessary during the year.

I have inspected the Factories and Workshops in the district, and found no overcrowding, and the places well ventilated and in a sanitary condition.

The Schools, Bakeries and Slaughter houses have been regularly inspected, and found in a proper condition.

The Grand Theatre has been inspected and found in a satisfactory state.

The County Council sends a trained midwifery nurse to visit every case of child birth when necessary. Our district has two efficient midwifery nurses, who look after the welfare of infants born in the town.

No complaints about any house being unfit for habitation were made during the year.

Our Council, through the County Council, have arranged for microscopical and bacteriological examinations of all suspected matter in infectious contagious diseases, which is so valuable in keeping down infectious disease in our town.

The excellent quality of our water supply has been fully maintained. With a view to thoroughly providing for the requirements of the future, further boring operations are now taking place, and it is expected that sufficient water will be obtained to meet all possible demands for many years.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Your obedient Servant,

J. THOS. HAWORTH,

Medical Officer of Health.

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